

JUST GLEANINGS

ONLY 377 JAPANESE PRISONERS

Robert P. Patterson, United States under secretary for war, announced at a press conference recently that only 377 Japanese prisoners had been taken by United States forces. He said he was making public the figure to illustrate the difficulty of defeating Japan.

EARNS \$856 YEARLY, DIES RICH

An estate at Louisville, Ky., valued at \$155,000 was left by Miss Ella Strong, 92, a teacher for 52 years at an average salary of \$850. Miss Ella Strong died last Friday, leaving her "wise investments" and a nice, Mrs. Mary Wilson.

KILLING 3 GRIZZLIES WITH 4 SHOTS

Killing three grizzlies with four shots is the accomplishment of the son of Jas. C. Patterson, of the Carbon district. While inspecting trap lines west of Caroline, young Burgess saw an old grizzly walking on a carcass and shot at it. He then had to run to pump another shot into his rifle when grizzly number two appeared. One quick shot killed the bear. Burgess then saw grizzly number three, a younger bear. A third shot killed one and a fourth wounded the other. Burgess still had one shell left.

LAYS EGG AFTER 50 YEARS

In Palmbeach, Florida, ailing and 90 years old, a parrot began laying and coming like a human being, so Mrs. A. P. T. was compelled to send her bird to the vet. But while Mrs. Sodl sought a remedy the parrot calmly laid an egg. And when she explained this to the vet, he said, "That's what you get when you buy a bird from a pet shop."

WOMAN "SHOOTS" ENEMY

There are many spiteful acts committed by people who have come from Calgary, when a police sergeant heard a complaint from a resident who told him a neighbor woman had a gun-like bullet hole in her back, but is no longer, is causing her quite a bit of grief. Recently the complainant was busily cleaning her house on a moonless night, when she got out on her back porch to shake a dusting mop, while rather suddenly drew her gun. She happened to be wearing a nightgown, she said.

A second later the neighboring woman, apparently recovering from a night's vigil, ran onto her back porch, armed with a camera and snapped a picture of the complainant as she shook the mop. Now, says the complainant, she is more than developed and is tremendously enlarged, and is hanging in her neighbor's window for every passerby to see.

It is now possible to bomb accurately through a solid cloud overcast in flight, the United States Air Force having made the development of secret scientific navigation devices. Maj. Gen. Frederick Anderson, commanding general of the command said in a press conference in Washington that the new device now is making possible the accurate bombing of targets obscured as much as 25,000 feet of thick cloud overcast.

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CARBON SERVES AREA FOR 31 YEARS

S. F. Torrance Has Been Secretary Since 1919

Owing to the formation of the enlarged Municipal District of Kneehill No. 278, which takes in the Municipal Districts of Nanton, Carbon, Ghost Ranch, and Okotoks, the Municipal District of Carbon No. 278 no longer exists, the council having been dismissed on January 1, 1944.

The Municipal District of Carbon came into being late in the year 1912, and the first council meeting was held on January 6, 1913. Mr. McLeod's home, on 1st Street, was the first seat of the municipality, and J.A. Long the first deputy reeve. Members of the first council were Mr. W. N. Wright, T.J. Barron, and T.P. Green. Fred P. Magee was the first secretary-treasurer.

Mr. T.P. Magee was elected reeve in 1914 and remained in that position in 1915. On July 12, 1915 Harry Evans was appointed secretary-treasurer and remained in that position until 1916.

T.J. Ramsay was appointed reeve in 1916, and in 1917 S.N. Wright was elected to that position. Mr. Wright was then chosen as the Municipal District of Carbon for the next 20 years.

He was succeeded in 1937 by Mr. G.H. Webber, who was appointed to the position, and in 1939 Mr. Ramsay dissolved at the first of the year he was still in office.

In July 1939 S.F. Torrance was appointed secretary-treasurer of the Municipal District of Carbon, and in 1950 he was officially appointed to the position. He has held the position since that date. Mr. Torrance was still secretary-treasurer when the municipal election was dissolved on January 1, 1944.

The last council of the Municipal District of Carbon consisted of J.M. McEwan, reeve; S. F. Torrance, secretary-treasurer, and Councillors C. Green, J. J. Oshkaw, J. H. Forsch, and J. W. Olson.

The Municipal District of Carbon has been one of the most efficient in the province, and after going through the depression years, farmers were paid up, and the Municipality was just ahead of the rest of the province when all debts had been paid, and most of the taxes collected.

Mr. Torrance has been instrumental in getting the council to enter into a compact with the county to solve the council and enter an order of tax.

The new unit is not favored by the majority of farmers in the Carbon Municipality, but the only hope now is that the enlarged unit will be efficiently operated without increasing the unit rate as has the old Municipal District of Carbon No. 278.

Mr. McEwan, the Carbon reeve, took the household effects of the Chapman family to Maple Creek leaving Friday evening.

NOW ON NEWSPRINT QUOTA
The Chronicle is now on a newsprint quota and we may be forced within the very near future to end the paper. We have to think of what we are three months or less in arrears. So, if your paper fails to arrive, you will know the reason why.

No paper has been sent to us since we last made, and if you want to continue to receive The Chronicle please make it point to pay all arrears as promptly as possible.

R. GARRETT IS NEW PRESIDENT, CARBON LOCAL, FARM UNION

John Ohlhauser is Vice President of Organization

There was a good turn out of members at the annual general meeting of the Carbon Local of the Alberta Farmers Union, held at the Carbon hall on Monday afternoon, January 10. Officers for 1944 were elected as follows:

President, R. Garrett; Vice President, John Ohlhauser; Secretary, H. J. St. John; Director, John Ohlhauser; Joe Appleyard, B. Ward and Chris Martin. George Appleyard was elected to attend the annual convention of the Alberta Farmers Union to be held in Edmonton on January 20, 21 and 22.

It was reported that the Alberta Farmers Producers of Edmonton will put on a show in Carbon February 27.

Mr. Appleyard, Jack Barker and Bill Thorburn were appointed reporters for all local union activities.

It was decided at this meeting to put up a \$1000.00 loan to the union for members, and all farmers are urged to get behind the Carbon Local in an endeavor to get sufficient members to the union to demand a fair deal for all farmers products.



A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa

Written specially for the weekly newspaper of Canada

By JIM GREENBELL

OF INTEREST TO CANADA

Income Tax interests everyone. The new T-1 Special Form for those whose incomes in 1943 didn't top \$3,000, is simpler; also that for those whose incomes did not exceed \$5,000. The T-1 is 4 pages as before but the last two are taken up with settling your taxes on your investment. There are 17 main questions, and you won't be confused this time by that 50 per cent remission on tax due because of the "pay-as-you-earn" plan.

The Consumer Branch, War-time Prices and Trade Board, suggests the following for those who are not every home in Canada. 1. Pay no higher than ceiling prices, 2. Buy only what is absolutely necessary, 3. Buy only what is available, 4. Obey all rationing regulations strictly, 5. Re-make and make do to save buying new, 6. Waste nothing, 7. Don't be a raving spender, 8. Use your surplus hours, 9. Buy more Victory Bonds, 10. War Savings Certificates.

Canadian transportation: Combined gross operating revenues of the C.P.R. and C.N.R. for eleven months to November 30, 1943, were \$4,713,360,000, two and a half times the pre-war comparison in 1938. Civil aircraft carrying more than 1,000 passengers per month in November, the same month a year ago, while freight and mail increased correspondingly.

R.C.M.P. made a nation wide check up of men throughout Canada recently in connection with mobilization requirements. The results were surprising and similar places. The Labor Department now reveals that 39,073 men were questioned. 2,730 men in the armed forces, 1,000 men in the navy, 541 were charged in court with attempting to evade military call-up; 164 with failing to make change of address when so directed. In the same month 662 found without "genuine" occupations were referred to Selective Service officials.

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CARBON, ALBERTA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1944

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ST. ARMY FIGHTING MEN PURSUE THE GERMANS IN ITALY



At dawn on July 10, 1943 Allied forces landed in Italy. A massive aerial war made possible by the 130,000 planes were taken. The island had been crushed and the allies moved on to Italy where an unconditional surrender was received by

the British, Americans, and well over

the 100,000 prisoners were taken. This shows a British Bren Carrier passing through the country in Italy.

During December the Duke of York Chapter L.O.D.E. at Carbon completed and packed 12 ditty bags for members of the Canadian Army and these were sent to provincial headquarters to be distributed. Each bag contained the name of the organization contributing it.

One of the bags from the Duke of York Chapter L.O.D.E. at Carbon was received by L.A. McLeod, Tel. 10, L.M.C., Kettlers, Prince Albert, B.C. and he has written the following letter to the local Chapter:

Dear L.O.D.E. Chapter:

On December 24th I was the recipient of a ditty bag which had been packed by the Duke of York Chapter L.O.D.E. at Carbon. I wish to thank you very much for all the wonderful articles it contained. You certainly knew just what we need and I appreciate it very much.

Now I am sure you wonder where these bags will finally end up when you are packing them so I will try to tell you a little about myself and the like. I

am a member of the R.C.A.F. and have

been serving in the R.C.A.F. for a year. This is my third Christmas in the navy. I am one of the prairie sailors you may have been hearing of. I am a Gordon, second son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gordon, of Carbon, Rev. A. L. Elliott, officiated.

GORDON—SOIREE

A quiet wedding took place at the Carbon hall on December 24th, Monday.

Monday, December 27, when Mrs. Stuart Soye, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Soye of Kathryn, Alberta, married Mr. Gordon, of Carbon, second son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gordon, of Carbon, Rev. A. L. Elliott officiated.

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12,000 GIBRALTARIANS LIVING IN LONDON

City Altered Their Name As Other European Countries

London, in her detached, restyled way, knows there are a lot of people from Gibraltar in these parts and she hears they are crazy about movies.

She vaguely recalls that the kids haunt Kensington bus drivers with their chattering Spanish energy, and that the dark, young women are working here and there.

Other than her knowledge about them is no greater than her communities of Europeans which have made this a wartime home.

It is more than three years since these ships off the old rock fell on London in the blitz, waited in vain for the Atlantic shipping crisis to permit their return to the sea, and finally grew into a fixture. London, unruled, simply absorbed them as she has absorbed Netherlands, Czechs and Poles.

In that time, 12,000 women, children and old men evacuated from Gibraltar have grown into a community all their own, probably the most concentrated community among London's multitude of minorities.

The Gibraltarians, individually or in small groups, The Gibraltarians came in one excited mass.

They survived the blitz and slowly worked into the London scene.

The British health took them under its wing, established 34 centres, some in hotels, some in blocks of flats, provided each centre with a sick-bay and children's reserve nurseries, and put over it a manager responsible to the ministry.

The women's voluntary service made itself responsible for extra clothes for the men, for babies and other necessities. The British council, an industrial organization which fosters relations between Britons and other peoples, took over the educational program.

It is the education of boys and girls at the secondary and technical schools of the London County Council and at evening classes in the centres organized by the Gibraltarians.

At technical college, the boys often specialize in engineering, woodwork, carpentry and the like. When they leave school they find work in the wartime British economy ready to obtain.

The British council and the ministry of health sit with representatives of the Gibraltarians on an entertainment committee. The people have their own symphony orchestra and have given concerts at Westminster's central hall.

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American Tourist Who Was Deadined To Die In Italy

One of the most determined attempts to conquer seasickness—which Canadian scientists are reported to have succeeded in doing at last—was made by an American millionaire, Winans.

Coming to England on a holiday visit in 1870, he suffered so badly from sickness that his doctors warned him not to return to the sea. It proved fatal. For a 160 per cent. American this was a sentence worse than death itself, and Winans at once set to work, with a staff of engineers and technicians, to design a vessel that would neither pitch nor roll in which he might hope to make the crossing without fear of the deadly nausea.

Many other models were devised, but none ever got beyond the experimental stage, and after 27 years Winans died, still in exile—Master-chester Guardian.

Cadet Organization

Will Be Maintained As The War Service In Britain After The War

Pre-service cadet organizations of the army, navy and air force in Britain will be maintained in the future, after the war, with Government financial backing. Lord Munster has assured the House of Commons:

A debate on the question was initiated by the Duke of Montreal, who demanded military training for youth after the war. The main difference of opinion in the debate arose on the question of voluntary or compulsory service.

Lord Munster, Under-Secretary of State for India, speaking for the Government, said he thought the coming service would have to be compulsory and a great deal more could be done to make the cadet forces popular on a voluntary basis.

Chrysanthemums grow wild in the Kingdom of Persia.

Wood makes only 10 to 20 per cent as equivalent to coal.

German Vice-Admiral

Man Who Searched Fleet In Scapa Flow Is Dead

The German D.N.R. agency said that Vice-Admiral Ludwig von Reuter, 75, who ordered the scuttling of the German fleet in Scapa Flow in 1919, died yesterday.

The Berlin broadcast was recorded by the Associated Press.

Basing his action upon an order of Kaiser Wilhelm, issued in 1914 at the start of the World War, that no German ship must be allowed to fall into the hands of the enemy, von Reuter, then a rear-admiral, ordered the battle flags run up and the sea battle cry, "Achsen, auf uns!" All the crews took to the boats, and some of the British vessels, their commanders infuriated by the coup, fired on them. 24 Germans were killed or wounded.

The English tried to get lines aboard the German ships and tow them to safety, but they refused to tow the battleship *Baden*, three light cruisers, two destroyers and two others went down with flags flying, 11 ships of the line, five battle cruisers, eight small cruisers, 50 torpedo boats, and a number of auxiliary craft. Some of them were sunk, some were raised, rusted hulls, of little value even as scrap.

The act set off a delicate situation among the victors, for Great Britain had to decide whether to let the German vessels, which Italy, France and the other allies wished to portion them among their own navies. But it was also costly to Germany. That it was a new post-war peace had been assumed. Some 10,000 tons of heating dry-docks as payment for the sunken battleships, her remaining five light cruisers, and 42,000 tons of floating cranes in lieu of the destroyers.

Decidedly Mixed

But Toronto Man Managed To Get What He Wanted

A young Toronto man went shopping for his wife's Christmas present. Something frivolous, he decided. It was a new post-war peace had been assumed. Some 10,000 tons of heating dry-docks as payment for the sunken battleships, her remaining five light cruisers, and 42,000 tons of floating cranes in lieu of the destroyers.

He approached the perfume counter in a downtown store. He was amazed and pleased to find a German woman, who was a German. What was it his wife preferred? "Have you a perfume called 'Bedspreed No. 7'?" he asked hopefully. . . . The saleslady said no. "Well, the name is something like that." The woman said, "I'm sure that's it." "That's it," he exclaimed. "I KNEW it had something to do with a bedspreed."

The saleslady looked over her stock, naming a wide variety of perfumes, but from her customer came no gleam of recognition. At last she came up with "5 and 5," and young man stopped her. "That's it! Sure, that's it," he exclaimed. "I KNEW it had something to do with a bedspreed."

"That's it," said the young man with a smile. "My wife has a cheselle with a bedspreed," said the young man with dignity. "I got a little mixed up, that's all."—Toronto Telegram.

British Reconstruction

To Keep Roads Pigs From Square Holes

Anthropometry, a branch of anthropology, may play an important part in the adjustments of man to unemployment in the future. Every labor organization may have its anthropometrist whose job will be to save round pits from square holes.

That is one side of the future developments of the science seen by Sir Dorothy Kerin, of Chapel House, Earl Ing. Of the children whom she has adopted she says: "I believe that God sent them to me."—London Daily Mail.

General Cunningham's troops advanced in the East African campaign in all 1,725 miles to Addis Ababa in 33 days—a staggering achievement.

The dark meat of chicken is rich

in vitamins and minerals.

Buy War Savings Stamps Regularly

Yo-Heave And A Ho In Italy's Mud

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WORLD HAPPENINGS
BRIEFLY TOLD

Australia has agreed to send 500,000 tons of flour to England; this will require 25,000,000 bushels of wheat.

British output of munitions in the first quarter of 1943 exceeded that of the same period of 1942 by 40 per cent.

Britain's national farmers' union has rejected a proposal to seek a president for 1944 among prominent men outside its own ranks.

A committee has been formed to nominate a representative of training nurses in Britain and overseas for service in colonial territories.

A giant lawn-mower that can trim 40 acres in an hour has been developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for use on air fields.

Norwegian forests are being ravaged by the Nazi army of occupation to supply timber to Germany, and Norway's chief industry may not be repaired for generations.

Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts of South Africa was announced by the Goodwill Foundation as the winner of the Whistler Service award for distinguished service.

A cheque for \$57,500 from an England-Wales International soccer match at Wembley stadium completed the first £1,000,000 (\$4,500,000) raised by sport for the Red Cross during this war.

Makes No Difference

Chocolate Or Without Vitamin
Has Same Food Value

Girls and eight-year-old boys in five English orphanages have reluctantly finished an interesting job on behalf of science. Suppressing any objections they may have had, these youngsters have willingly eaten a can of chocolate each evening for a year. One group got plain milk chocolate, the other group had chocolate with which were mixed vitamins, minerals and other substances. Last year medical investigators found that the difference between the two groups was just about nil—but that chocolate is a good medium in which to incorporate vitamins and minerals.

Initiated Apron



And now an apron with your personal initials in size 4590 is ready to afford you extra security but extra coverage as well. Note the two rows of close stitching that hold the apron securely. As for those attractive initials, there's a transfer pattern.

Pattern 4590 comes in sizes small (32-34), medium (36-38), large (40-42), extra large (44-46) and 2½ yards 45-inch; 2½ yards ruffling.

Send twenty cents for 20¢ worth of coins (stamps are not needed) for pattern. Write plainly. Size, Name, address, and a short description of orders to the Anne Adams Pattern Dept., Winnipeg Newsprint Union, Dept. 10, 1225 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Man. "Because of the slowness of the mails delivery of our patterns may take a few days longer than usual."

SAILOR'S ALMANAC

A London broadsheet revealed a history-making item. Fuehrer Hitler had awarded medals to three Nazi generals and a colonel on the Russian front in this citation: "For attacking the German armies to successfully disengage themselves on the Russian front."

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Forty Years Of Flying



On December 17, 1903, man flew for the first time in history, in a heavier than air power-driven flying machine. The artist's drawing shows the Wright Brothers' famous Kitty Hawk. In the forty years since it started into the air, flying has made tremendous strides.

The first flight in Canada took place at Baden-Powell, N.B., when J. D. McCurdy flew the Silver Dart on February 23, 1909. Now, over routes totaling nearly 5,000 miles, the planes of Trans-Canada Air Lines carry more than \$8,000,000 worth of mail a year, carrying passengers, mails and express.

Two of the fleet are shown to the

left of the layout. On the right is one of the big Lancasters flown by T.C.A. to the continent of Europe, carrying mail and passengers on trans-Atlantic service. Passengers on urgent war business, cargo of strategic importance, mails to and

from the Canadian troops overseas, are carried across the ocean.

The skies are witness to the imminent fulfillment of the dreams of Orville and Wilbur Wright two score years ago.

Is Deputy Now



With the illness of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, it may be necessary for another British leader to assume at least part of Churchill's duties. Clement Attlee, above, is now deputy prime minister and may assume some of the prime minister's functions temporarily.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

"DIVE BOMBER!"

OSPREY, FISH HAWK, BUTTERFLY, NEST OF LARGE STICKS... BUT DON'T TRY TO PICK THEM UP ON THE GROUND! INSTEAD, THEY DIVE AT DEAD TREES AND KICKING THEM OFF... AND THEN THEY EAT THEM IN ITS TALONS BEFORE THEY FLY OFF AGAIN INTO THE EARTH.

KAT KOVER

DO LONO, MA... YOKOHAMA
CAN YOU NAME THE SONGS PICTURED
IN THESE?

ANSWER: Goodby Mamma, I'm Off to Yokohama; Flamingo;



ANSWER: Goodby Mamma, I'm Off to Yokohama; Flamingo;

REG'ULAR FELLERS—Pop's Neglect



A Crack At Jerry

When the British Home Guard Go Into Action

Quietly and without most of us fully realizing it, the Home Guard has taken over most of Britain's A.A. batteries and anti-aircraft gun crews. When a London raider is brought down by fire from the ground the chances are now 100 to one on the gunner being a Home Guard.

Following the recent raid on the capital I talked with one of these Home Guard gunners.

"Having a crack at Jerry," he said with a grin, "is a bit of a tonic. All day we're sitting in factories, offices and elsewhere. Then, on one night in eight, we become A.A. gunners."—London Daily Telegraph.

A Negro soldier, when asked to define morale, said: "It's the thing that keeps you 'feet goin' when yo' says it can't be done."

For The Russians

British Lost No Time Sending Them Shoes And Overcoats

Within a week of the German invasion of Russia Britain had sent the Soviet 500,000 pairs of boots. Six thousand pairs had been sent by April 1942, at a cost of 40,000 tons of shipping space per month.

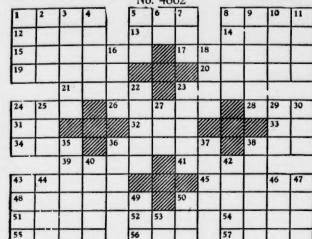
In four days alone the Quartermaster General's department of the British Army had packed and despatched to Russia enough great-coat cloth to stretch from the White Sea to the Black Sea.

WEED PESTS

Practically all the troublesome weeds on prairie farms have been introduced from outside, mainly as imports in grain, feed, and fertilizer. The same agency is also responsible for the spread of weeds to new localities, together with distribution by wind and by farm implements or vehicles.

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Allied Planes On Offensive Around World

LONDON—The Allies have achieved air superiority in every theatre of the war and sent planes on the offensive all around the world, the R.A.F. said.

In a review of the aerial war of 1943, Britain's air arm said the year's fighting produced these victories and accomplishments in various fields of aerial warfare:

1. Nine of Germany's 21 major industrial cities with populations of more than 250,000 each have been forced for some time to consume more than they produce.

2. Many major U-boats have been destroyed by the coastal command in 1943 than in the three previous years together. The whole of the North Atlantic now is covered by shore patrols.

Carrying heavier bomb-loads and using the new Pathfinder technique, the R.A.F. has been able to bomb Europe harder and often through-out the year with its percentage of losses down to 1.5 per cent.

The battles of the Ruhr and Hamburg marked the campaign, causing immense destruction in Cologne, Essen, Dusseldorf, Darmstadt, Wuppertal, Bremen and Bielefeld.

"Hamburg, Germany's largest port, suffered the most serious damage of any industrial city in the world between July 25 and Aug. 3, 1943," the R.A.F. said. The battle was won at the cost of 57 British planes.

This was followed by the smashing series of British raids.

The continental bombings had a "marked effect" on the morale of the whole R.A.F., the R.A.F. said, and did much to put the German army on the defensive. It said that 50 per cent of the Nazis' day fighters and 85 per cent of the night fighters were based on the western front.

Indicative of where the bombs will fall in 1944 the R.A.F. stated that the "greatest prize the Allies gained from the war" was the ability to use the use of airfields in southern Italy.

"There are few centres of German war production which cannot be bombed from Britain or from the south. The important targets of the south, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Bulgaria and Greece are now within effective striking distance."

"In all operations, for every one of our fighters lost during the year two German aircraft were destroyed," the R.A.F. said.

The R.A.F. bomber command hit Germany with nearly four times the weight of bombs dropped on the Reich in 1943. The year total now stands at 154,400 tons.

RULE NOT ENFORCED

But Some Airmen Are Sent Back To Canada For Treatment

OTTAWA—A spokesman for the R.C.A.F. said that many airmen and some patients now are returning to Canada under a British air ministry ruling, effective last April 15, providing that R.C.A.F. personnel requiring three or more months treatment could be sent to Britain for that time.

He emphasized, however, that the rule is not rigidly enforced and that there are many exceptions to it. Men requiring certain types of treatment might be kept in hospital overseas for longer than three months before being returned.

"We are now experiencing a flow of patients, but it (the ruling) has not given rise to a great influx," the spokesman said.

ADmits CRISIS

Premier Tojo Tells Japanese Diet War Situation Is Serious

NEW YORK—Premier Hideko Tojo told the upper house of the Japanese diet yesterday that "certain offensive war has become real and serious and fire fighting is raging at various fronts." The Tokyo radio said in a broadcast recorded by United States government agents:

In another broadcast, the Tokyo radio told the Japanese people that recent Allied operations in the South Pacific had brought the war to "the decisive stage in which the rise or fall of our nation will be decided."

ANNOUNCE TO RETURN

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY—Two Russians captured on the Russian front in 1941 and brought to Italy by members of a German anti-aircraft crew, have escaped to American lines here. The first time they wanted to know was how to get back to the Russian army.

Spoke To The Empire Christmas Day



His Majesty King George VI who addressed the empire on Christmas Day.

Strategic Place Of Dominion In Global Aviation

NEWS FOR TROOPS

Canadian Service Personnel In Italy Will Get News

OTTAWA—The Canadian Minister of National Defence announced that 6,000 copies of The Canadian Press News, eight-page tabloid published in London for Canadian service personnel, will be flown to Italy each week from England.

He also said that a newspaper will be printed in the Mediterranean area, combining Canadian Press News and local news obtained from the area. Readability is the chief aim.

The Canadian Press is the news agency of the R.A.F. which is published daily in the field.

Col. Ralston said lack of mail, news, etc., in the service film conditions the chief cause of complaint on his recent visit to the European theatre and he thinks arrangements have been made to get all three to the troops.

OFF AIR-MAIL

OTTAWA—The Canadian Bureau of Statistics reported that passenger travel by air increased 58 per cent in September over the same month last year but showed a seasonal drop from the previous month.

Passenger traffic during the month was 30,575, compared with 31,003 in August and 19,398 in September, 1942.

SUB MENACE

Rear Admiral Murray Says That Enemy U-Boats Are Defeated

HALIFAX—Declaring the U-boat menace defeated, Rear Admiral L. W. Murray, R.C.N., commander-in-chief of the Canadian naval forces, said in a New Year's message expressed hope that before the end of 1944 Allied naval and air forces could shift their activities from the Atlantic to the Pacific region.

Extending New Year greetings to the Allied naval forces and to the R.C.A.F., "which has given us such loyal support in the battle of the Atlantic," he said, "we have the hope that before this year (1944) is out we shall have driven the war from the Atlantic, and that we shall be continuing in the same close association, in pursuit of our enemies in the Pacific."

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